

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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PETRONET LNG TERMINAL AT KOCHI
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether construction or other activities have begun at Puthuvaypeen in Kochi in connection with Petronet LNG;
- (b) if so, the present status of the project; and
- (c) the time by which the project would be completed and commence functioning?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c): PLL is setting up a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal at Kochi. All pre-project activities have been completed. Various statutory approvals have been obtained. Site leveling work has been completed and construction of boundary wall of LNG terminal is almost complete. Work on non-plant buildings viz., administrative building, warehouse, workshop and occupational health centre, has started. EPC contract for construction of LNG storage tanks has been awarded. LNG terminal side grading work has already started. Co-developer agreement for Puthuvypeen SEZ has been executed between PLL and Cochin Port Trust (CPT); and it has been approved by the Department of Commerce. The project is targeted to be completed and commissioned by the third quarter of 2011.

For meeting LNG requirement of Kochi Terminal, PLL is at final stage of negotiations with an Australian supplier for supply of 2.5 Million Metric Tonnes per annum (MMTPA) LNG on long term basis from Gorgon project.